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SUNSET AVENUE TO RUSSELL ROAD

Public Meeting #4

March 23, 2011



Meeting Agenda

- Review Study Process
- Review Recent Meeting Results and Consensus Decisions
- Review Alternatives Development
- Present Refined Alternatives
- Project Next Steps



Community
Involvement

- Transportation Issues
- Problem Statement

Purpose & Need

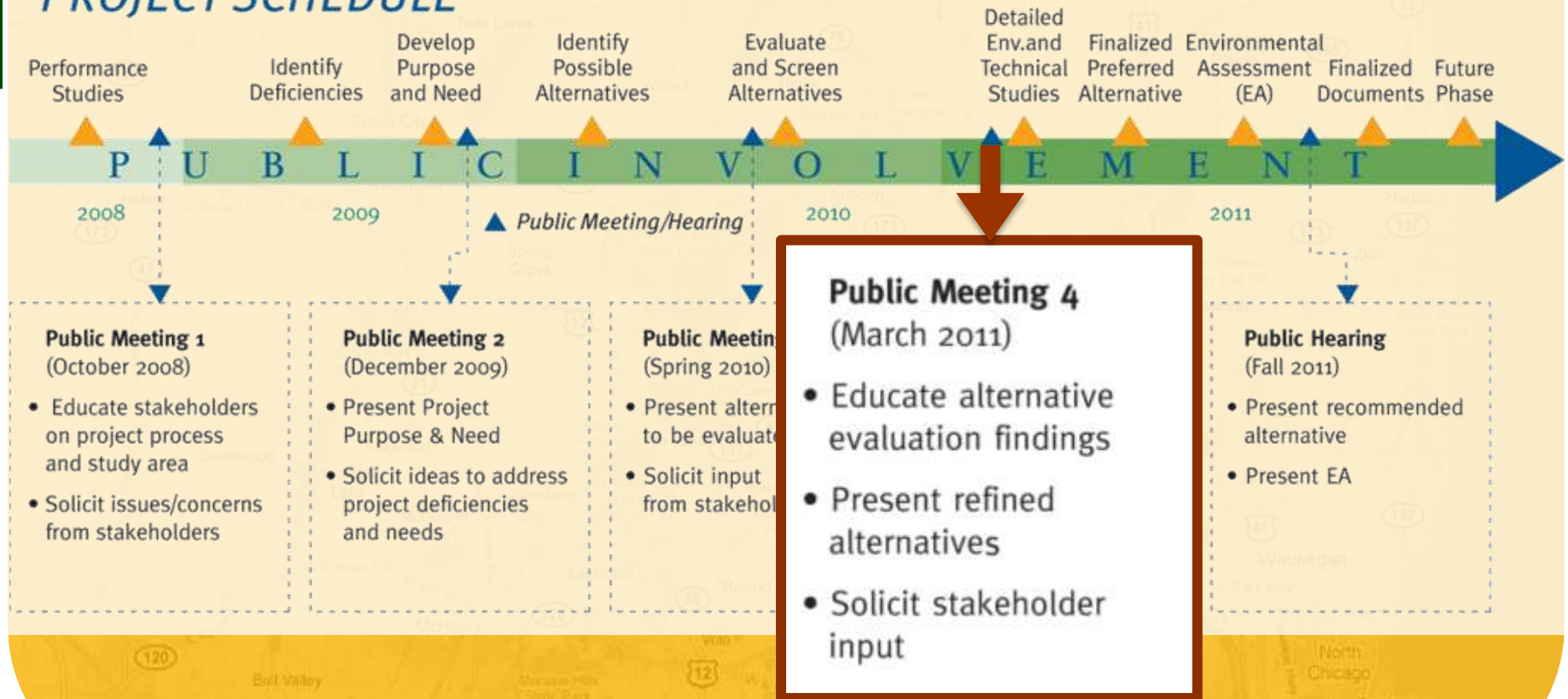
***Alternatives
Development***

Preferred Alternative

Agency
Input



PROJECT SCHEDULE



Workshop and Meeting Accomplishments

CPG/TAG Meeting #3 – April 26, 2010

- Previewed Preliminary Alternatives
- Discussed Evaluation Criteria

Public Meeting #3 – May 26, 2010

- Examined and evaluated Preliminary Alternatives

CPG/TAG Meeting #4 – Nov. 30, 2010

- Rated Refined Alternatives



Preliminary Alternatives Stakeholder Comments

Safety
Drainage
Kenosha Road alignments
Public Outreach
Shoulder vs. Curb & Gutter
Barrier vs. Flush Median
Property Impacts



Identified Needs

Safety

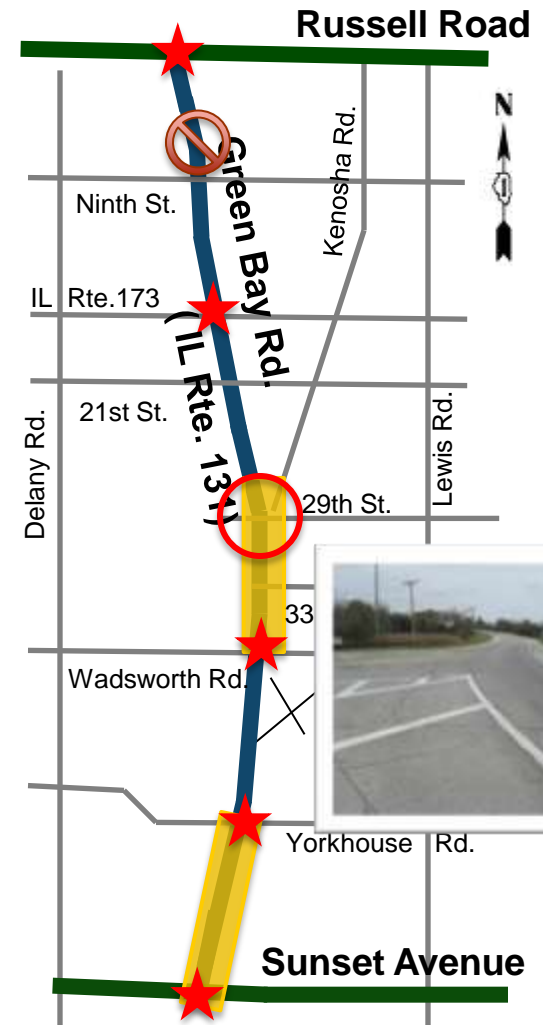
- 2004-2009: 1,176 crashes, 309 injuries, 4 fatalities
- 2008: 5% location north of 9th Street

Capacity

- Roadway
- Intersection

Operations / Mobility

- Kenosha Road intersection
- Signal needs



Environmental Impacts

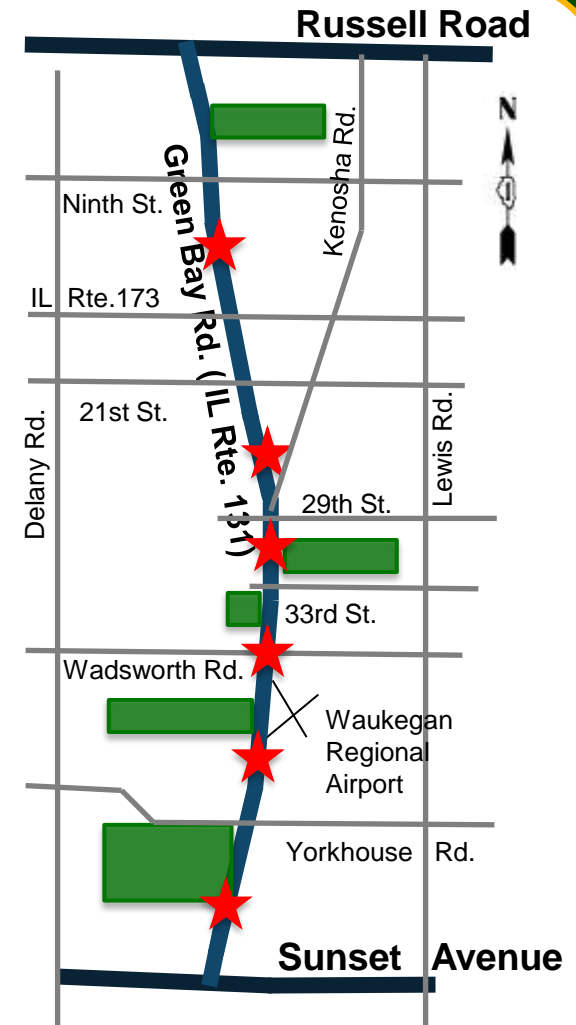
Follow National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA):

Prepare an environmental inventory and consider reasonable environmental alternatives which would:

- Enhance quality of human environment
- Avoid sensitive resources
- Minimize adverse impacts
- Mitigate resources as necessary

Consider minimizing impacts:

- 5 sensitive resources (green areas)
- 6 minor ditch flooding locations (★)



Purpose & Need

Project Purpose:

The purpose of the Illinois Route 131 engineering study is to improve safety and functionality along Illinois Route 131 from Russell Road to Sunset Avenue. Improvements to this route are necessary to address issues of roadway and intersection capacity and efficiency; enhance vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle accommodation and safety; and bring the roadway into compliance with current IDOT standards.

Project Needs:

Improve Safety

Improve Capacity

Improve Operations and Mobility

Complete Streets

Illinois Complete Streets Policy

- Requires the incorporation of bicycle and pedestrian accommodations into state highway projects

Cost-sharing of sidewalk/path construction:

New selection criteria

Shared-Use path best accommodation



www.pedbikeimages.org

Project Elements

Evaluation of Preliminary Alternatives

	Alt. A1	Alt. A2	Alt. B1	Alt. B2
Number of Lanes			✓	✓
Median	✗	✗	✗	✗
Edge Treatment	✓		✓	
Shoulder/Bike	✓	✓	✓	✓



= Element included in Alternative



= Element NOT used

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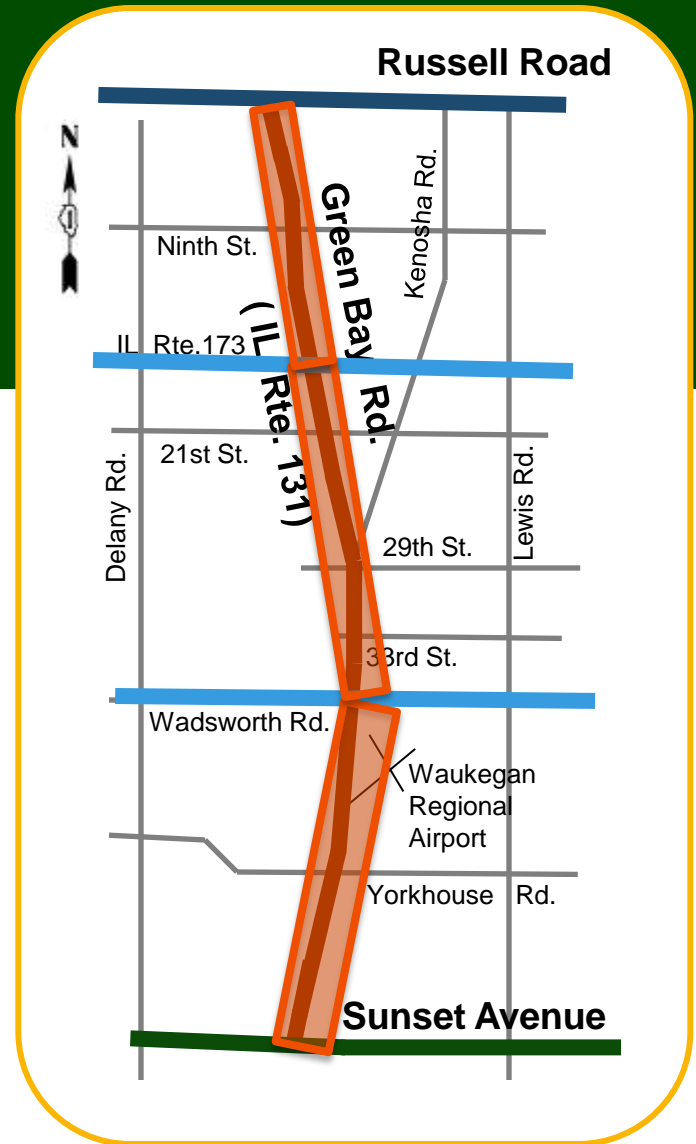


Illinois Department
of Transportation

HNTB

Project Characteristics

- ***Sunset Avenue to Wadsworth Road***
 - Less ROW available
 - Many intersecting streets/driveways
- ***Wadsworth Road to Illinois Route 173***
 - Relatively more ROW
 - Fewer intersecting streets/driveways
- ***Illinois Route 173 to Russell Road***
 - More available ROW
 - Few intersecting streets/driveways



Alternatives Evaluation

Evaluation Criteria

- Environmental Impacts
- Accessibility
- Waukegan Airport Coordination
- Identified Needs
- Property Impacts
- Cost

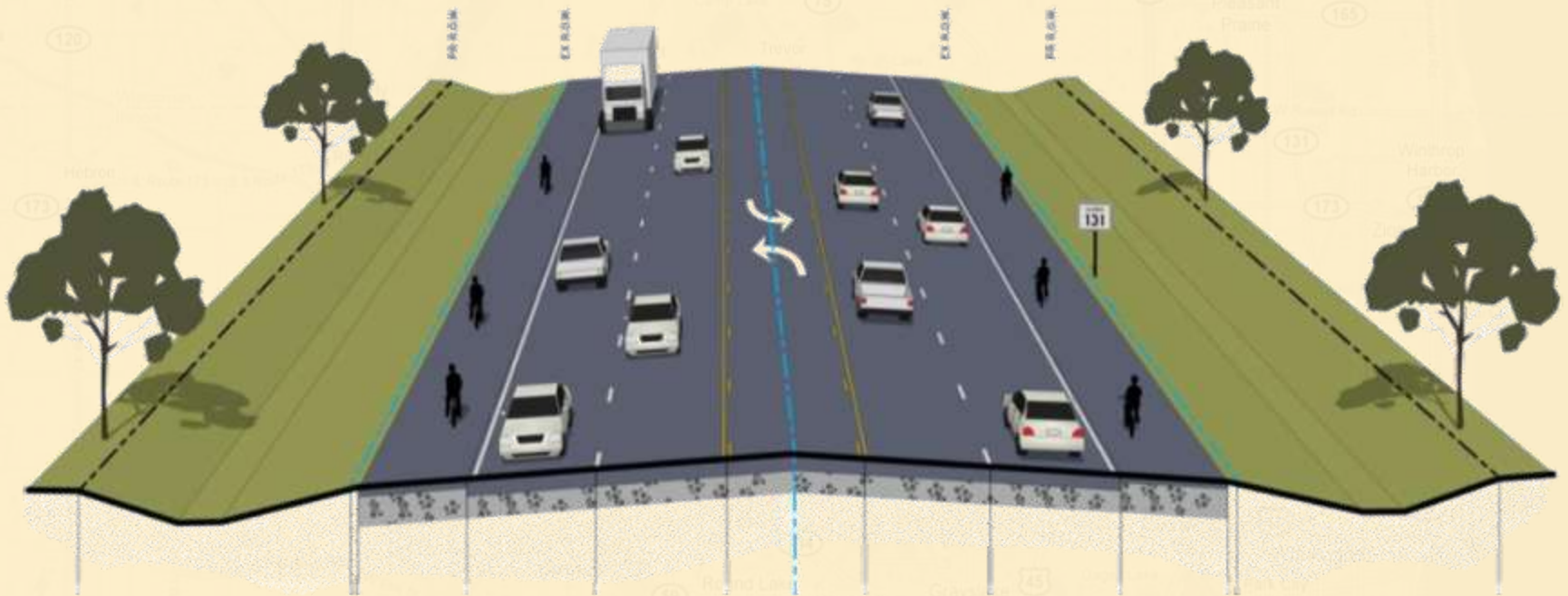
Combine:

- Stakeholder Input
- Purpose & Need
- Environmental Analysis
- Technical Analysis
- Previous Studies
- Preliminary Alternatives

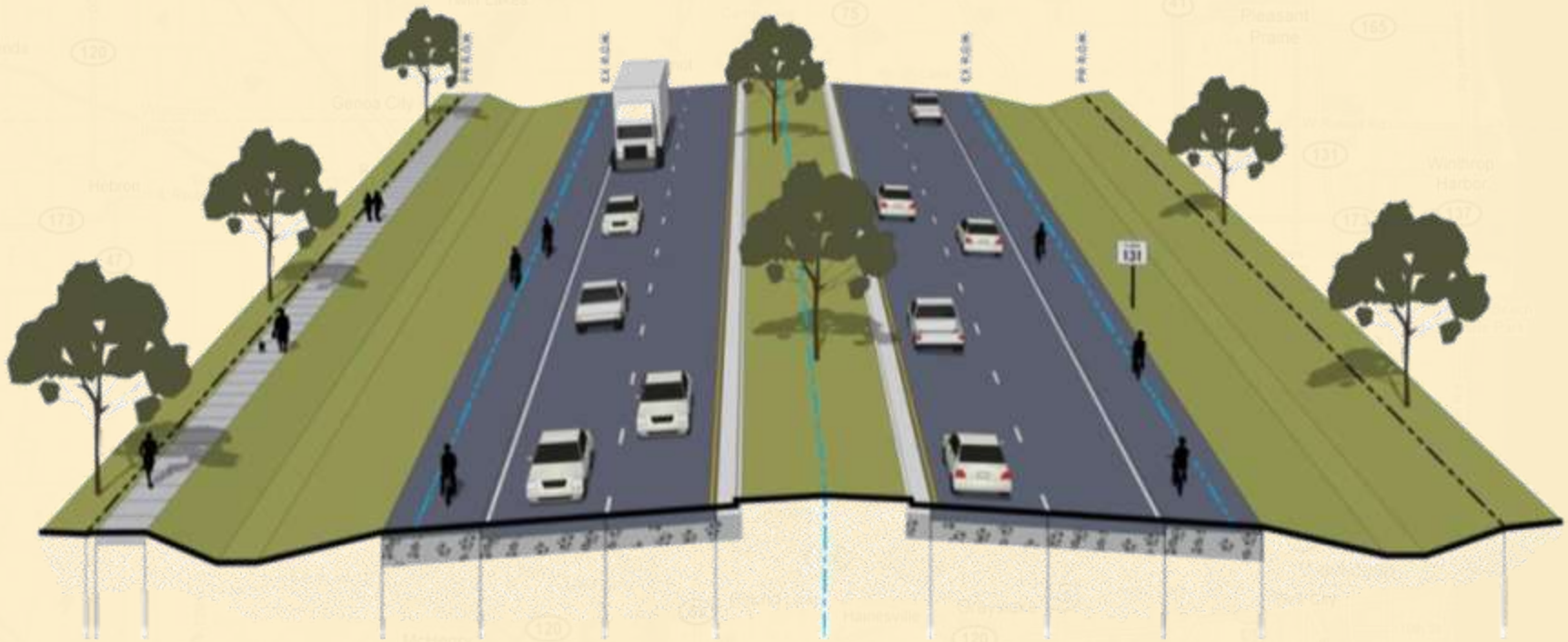


*Two refined alternatives
have been developed*

Preliminary Alternative A1

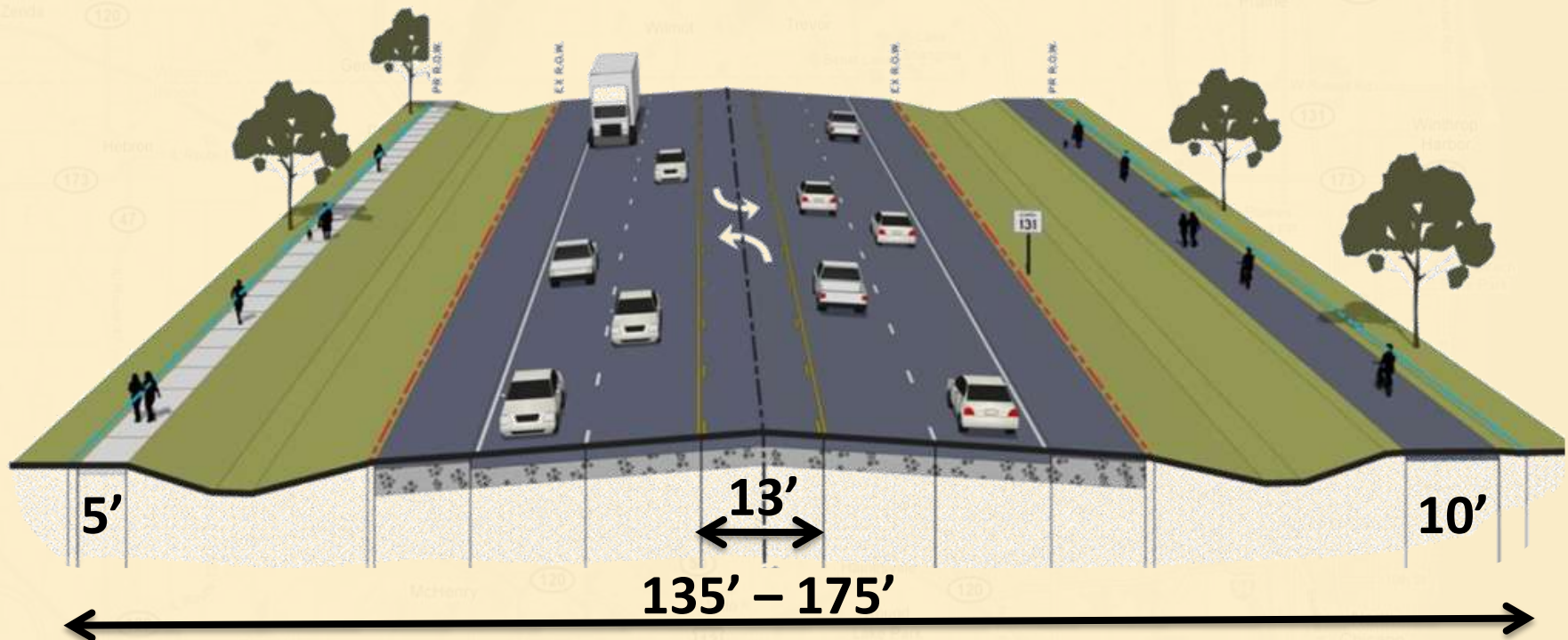


Preliminary Alternative B1



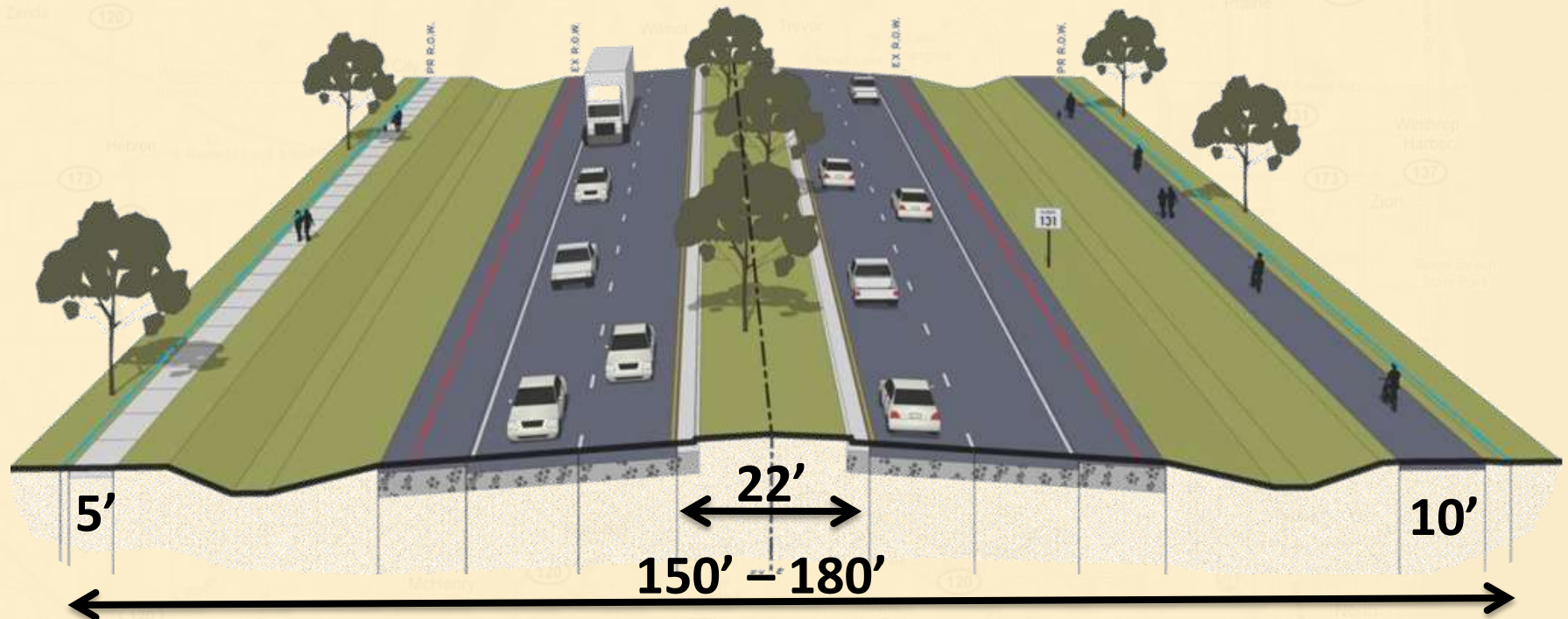
Refined Alternative E1

Sunset Avenue to Illinois Route 173



Refined Alternative E1

Illinois Route 173 to Russell Road



Alternative E1 Development

Preliminary
Alternative
A1



Preliminary
Alternative
B1



Complete
Streets
Policy

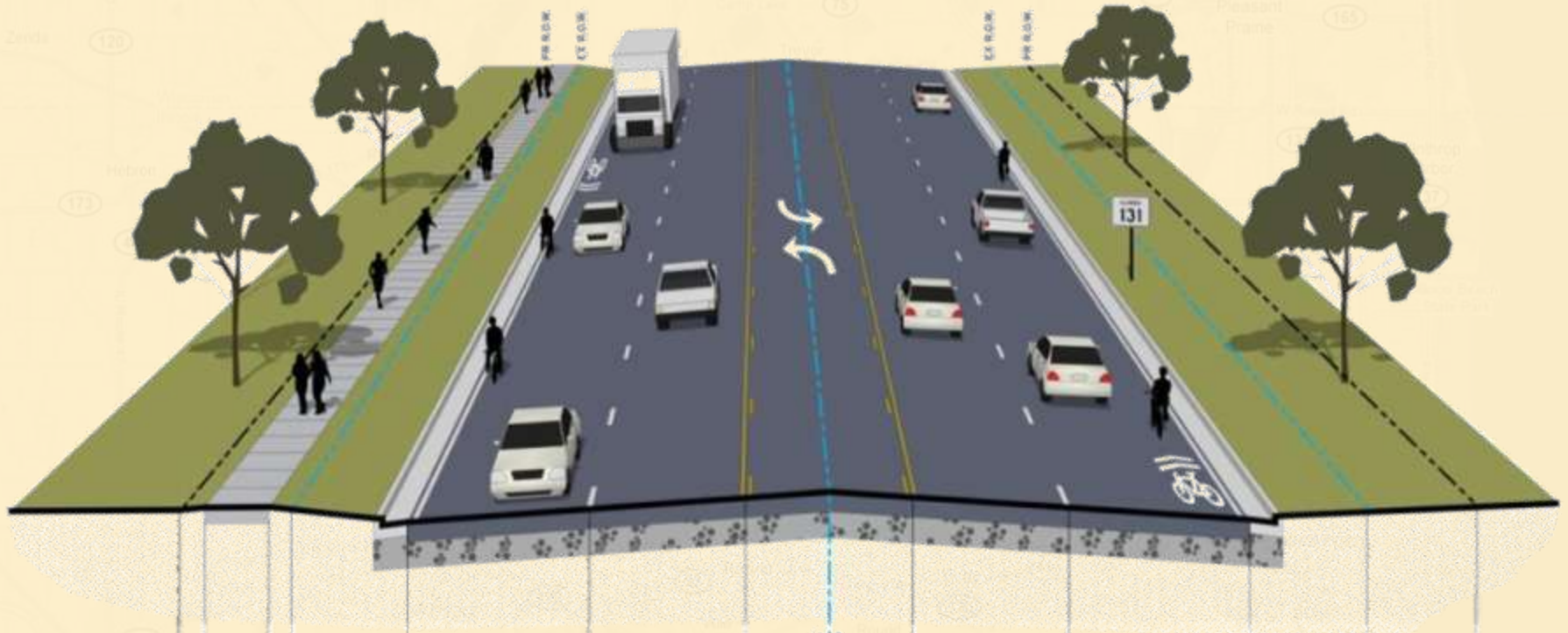


**Refined
Alternative
E1**

Refined Alternative E1

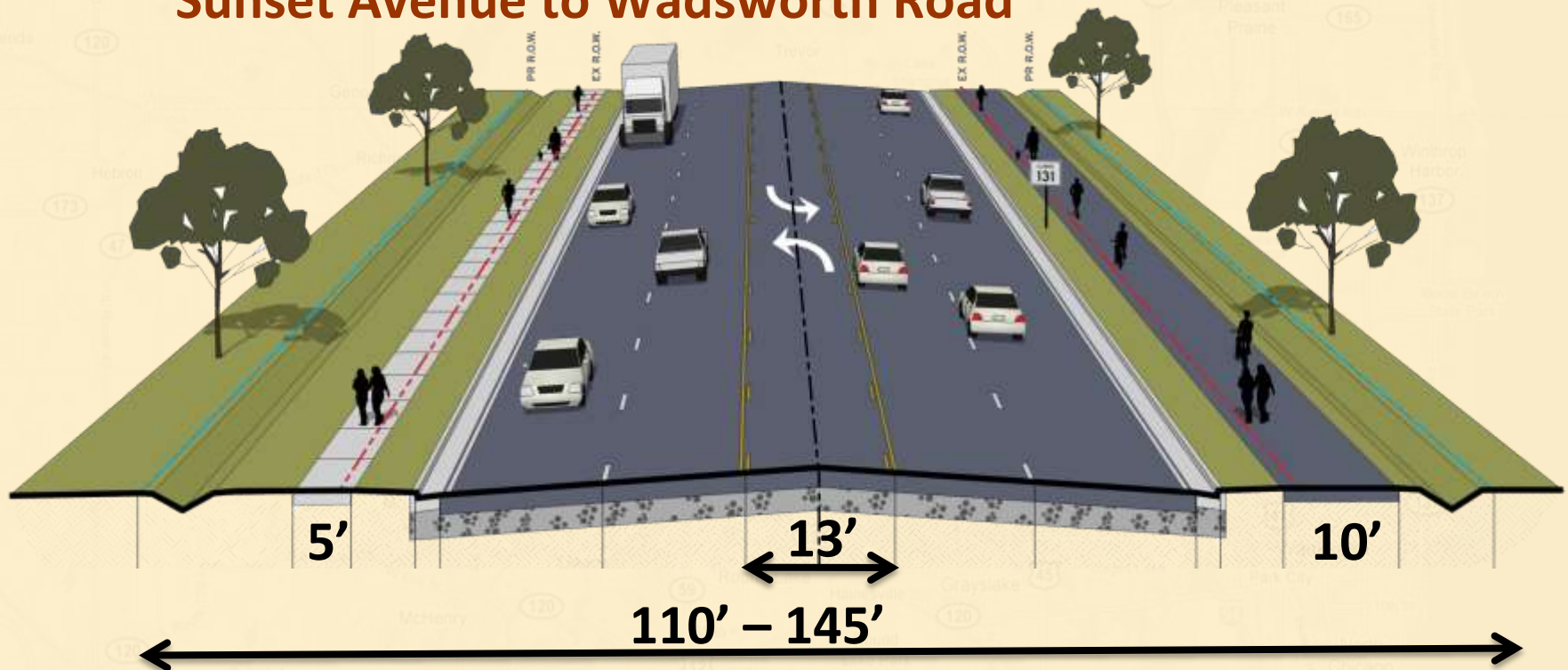


Preliminary Alternative A2



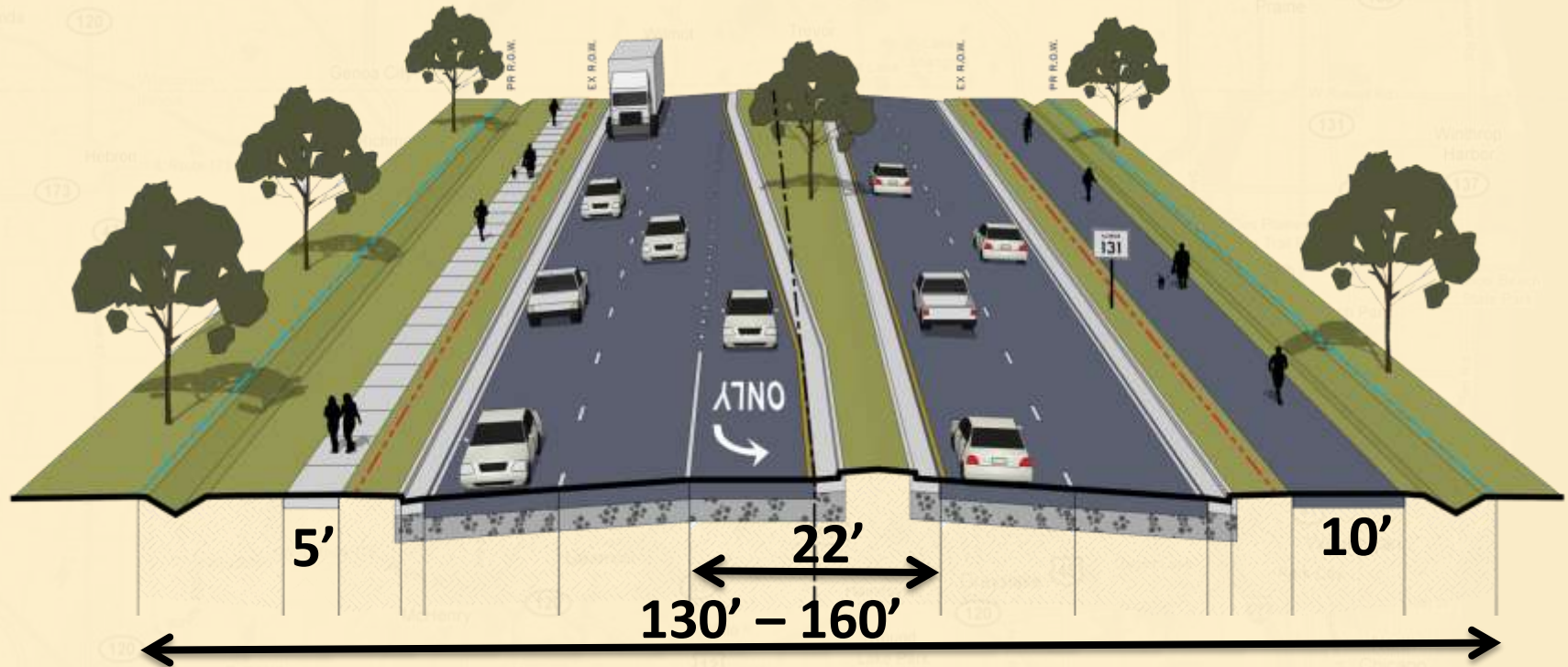
Refined Alternative E2

Sunset Avenue to Wadsworth Road



Refined Alternative E2

Wadsworth Road to Russell Road



Alternative E2 Development

Preliminary
Alternative
A2



Preliminary
Alternative
B2

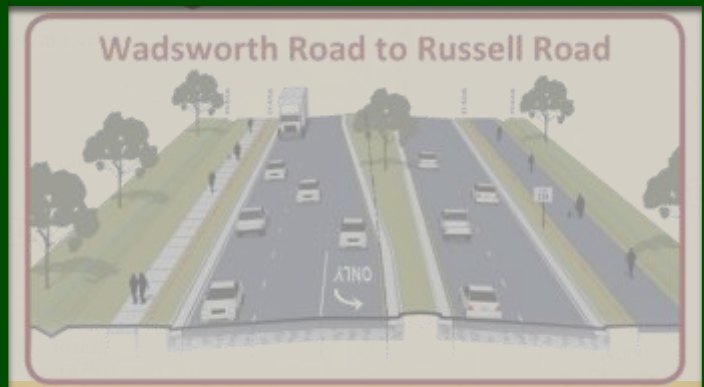
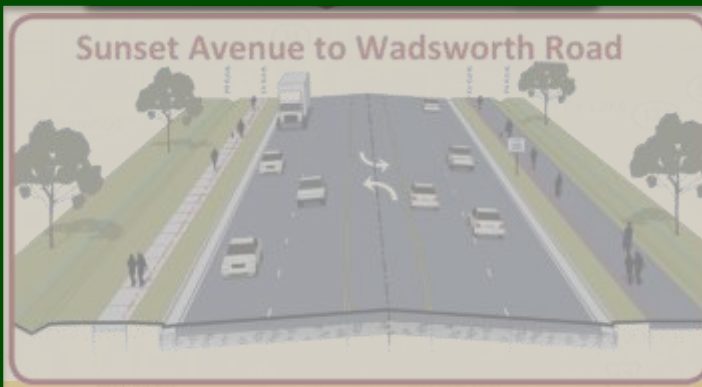


Complete
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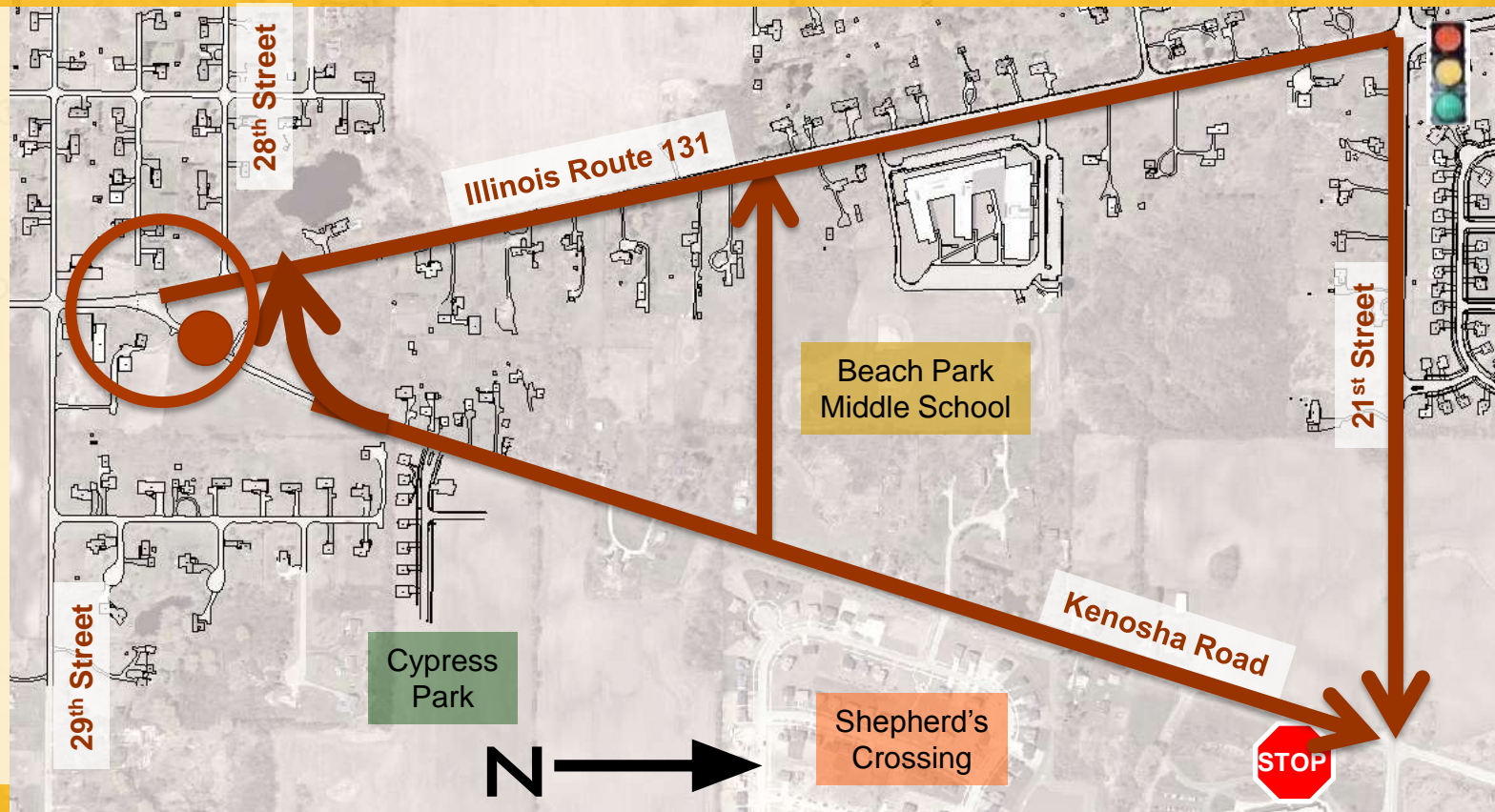


**Refined
Alternative
E2**

Refined Alternative E2



Kenosha Road Intersection Realignment



Waukegan Regional Airport

Independent Study

- **Lead agency FAA**
 - Coordination with IL Rte. 131 Study
- **Two Feasible Alternatives**
 - Runway Extension / Relocation
 - Shown on aerial exhibits
- **Roadway Design**
 - Minimize impact to airport property
 - Currently under FAA review



Property Acquisition

- Fee Simple Take
- Temporary Easement
- Permanent Easement

Property Acquisition Procedures

- **Determination of Ownership/Property Description**
- **Offer Made at Appraised Value**
- **Negotiation of Value/Eminent Domain**

Project Funding

Funded

- Phase I Study

Not Funded

- Phase II:
Contract Plan Preparation
and Land Acquisition
- Phase III:
Construction



Review Alternatives

Provide Input

How well do the Alternatives:

- Satisfy the project Purpose?
- Meet the project Needs?
- Minimize impacts to the surrounding environment?



Next Steps

CPG/TAG Meeting #5

- Evaluate Preferred Alternative
- Review Environmental Documentation

Public Hearing

- Present Preferred Alternative and reports



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Thank you!

